THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHR1 SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The Central Government has recently approved raising of 35 additional Indian Reserve (1R) battalions during the period 2007-08 to 2009-10, to be sanctioned, as per the internal security situation and requirements, to various States, including those affected by naxalite activities.

In the 9 States, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Orissa, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal where, for dealing with naxalite activities, assistance for the policing and operational needs of security forces is provided under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) scheme of Ministry of Home Affairs, 26 IR battalions have already been sanctioned earlier. These have added to the capabilities of the State police forces in dealing with various law and order problems.

For dealing with naxalite activities, States are being assisted in, and requested for, steps as are important for effective policing, which include filling up of vacancies in State police forces and raising of specialized forces, trained in counter-insurgency and jungle-warfare.

Curbing of parochial and destructive attitude in the country

†676. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that parochial and destructive attitude is increasing rapidly in the country on the basis of region and language;

(b) whether it is also a fact that required effective steps have not been taken till date to curb such destructive attitude and divisive forces; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the contemplation of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) **No, Sir.**

(c) Does not arise.

Floods relief and rehabilitation to Tamil Nadu

677. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total damage to life and property due to floods, district-wise, in Tamil Nadu which have been assessed by the Central Team recently;

(b) the total funds requested by the State Government for relief and rehabilitation of the affected areas and the people;

(c) the total funds which the Centre is likely to release; and

(d) by when the funds are likely to be released for the relief work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATIV. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (d)As per the information received from the State Government through their memorandum, based on their preliminary assessment, 211 human lives lost, cattle heads lost, 6539 huts fully and 38369 huts partially have been damage due to

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

floods during 2007 in the State. The district-wise details of the damages in Tamil Nadu due to flood during 2007, are given in the Statement. *(See* below)

As per the existing scheme for financing relief expenditure, the State Government concerned is responsible for undertaking relief and rehabilitation measures out of the corpus Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), which is contributed by the Government of India and the State Government in the ratio of 3:1. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing logistic and financial support, where necessary. Additional assistance is also considered in the wake of calamity of a severe nature from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) in case adequate funds are not available in the CRF account of the State.

The State of Tamil Nadu has been allocated an amount of Rs. 230.51 crore in Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for the year 2007-08 consisting of Rs. 172.88 crore as Central contribution and Rs. 57.63 crore as State contribution. The both installments of Central share of CRF amounting to Rs. 86.44 crore each have already been released to the State Government on 11th September, 2007 and 19th February, 2008 respectively.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has submitted memorandum seeking additional Central assistance of Rs. 1531.00 crore comprising Rs. 566.00 crore for temporary restoration and Rs. 965.00 crore for permanent restoration work, from NCCF for relief operations in the affected by floods during 2007. Upon receipt of the memorandum, an Inter-Ministrial Team was consituted, which visited the State during 10-12th January 2008, for an on the spot assessment of damage and requirement of funds. The report of the Central Team has been received and processed. Certain clarifications have been sought from the State Government, will be placed before Inter Ministerial Group and thereafter before High Level Committee for consideration and approval of funds from NCCF.

Statement

District- wis details of damages in Tamil Nadu due to flood during 2007.
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Si No.	District	Human lives lost	No. of Cattle loss	Damage of huts Fully	Partly
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Ariyalur	0	0	108	1200
2.	Chennai	02	0	0	0
3.	Coimbatore	13	01	23	31
4.	Cuddalore	18	11	405	1438
5.	Dharmapuri	03	0	111	120
6.	Dindigul	10	29	591	1456
7.	Erode	04	76	85	75
8.	Kancheepuram	12	45	166	4469
9.	Kanniyakumari	04	0	54	478

1 2	3	4	5	6
10. Karur	0	0	61	219
11. Krishnagiri	0	17	50	102
12.. Madurai	05	09	186	1540
13. Nagapattinam	10	285	173	2867
14. Namakkal	0	0	81	211
15. Perambalur	0	02	79	156
16. Pudukottai	02	33	313	1271
17. Ramanathapuram	01	37	330	964
18. Salem	02	08	79	323
19. Sivagangai	04	07	232	660
20. Thanjavur	15	106	709	7096
21. TheNilgiris	01	0	10	144
22. Theni	09	08	253	1602
23. Thoothukudi	0	07	31	102
24. Tiruchirapalli	14	09	237	1156
25. Tirunelveli	08	36	47	73
26. Tiruvallur	17	34	904	4025
27. Tiruvannamalai	06	51	143	666
28. Tiruvarur	06	315	202	1850
29. Vellore	02	04	112	274
30. Villupuram	29	40	670	3324
31. Virudhunagar	14	21	94	477
TOTAL:	211	1191	6539	38369

Smuggling of arms and ammunition and contraband drugs through sea-route

678. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are rising incidents of smuggling of arms and ammunitions and contraband drugs in our country through sea-route;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that our ports are not capable of detecting smuggled arms and ammunitions and contraband drugs due to non-installation of highly sensitive scanners;

(d) if so, whether it is also a fact that the Home Ministry has advised installation of highly sensitive scanners in place of the present scanners on all ports; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) and (b) Intelligence inputs received from field formations indicate that the coast line along several States and UTs in vulnerable to illegal